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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Around 2000 on 2 March 1955, during a starry night, burning oil ~~containers~~ or similar devices were seen in the direction of Wolfsberge, approximately in Jagen (forest sub-districts) 32-36. Il-28s individually approached the field at intervals of about 10 minutes. They dropped their bombs in the area where the oil fires were seen up until 2300. The bombs were seen glittering in the bright night and a little later, light detonations were heard. Between 0900 and 1400 on 3 March, several Il-28s individually approached the bomb range. At each approach over Jagen 43, the aircraft dropped one bomb in horizontal flight from an altitude of about 4,000 meters.¹
2. On 2 March, the detonations of bombs dropped individually and in groups were heard from the direction of Gadow-Rossow bomb range. The sound of aircraft was simultaneously heard. Between 0800 and 1600 on 11 March, bombs were dropped from Il-28s flying individually and at high altitudes over Jagen 50 and 53. The sky was approximately 9/10 overcast. Between 1900 and 2300, bombs with tracer composition were dropped against the same targets. A comet-like fire trail about 10 meters long appeared at the end of the bomb after a descent of about 50 meters. Immediately after touching ground, a bright flash was seen and a detonation followed.¹

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3. It was learned that Major Boshko (fnu) was still the audit officer for the Roseneck/Gadow-Rossow area.²

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1. Comment. The observations made on Gadow-Rossow bomb range agree with previous information. The information that the target areas were marked by oil fires during night practices and that bombs with tracer composition were used corresponds with observations made at Gadow-Rossow bomb range in 1952.

2. Comment. Major Boshko has been confirmed as supply officer for the Gadow-Rossow area.

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